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Classified By: PolCouns Janice G Weiner, reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

¶1. (C) We delivered reftel demarche to Turkish MFA Special Iraq Coordinator Oguz Celikkol July 2. Celikkol, who is well informed on the issue, responded that the Turks have repeatedly told Damascus that for the sake of the entire region, they need to take the necessary measures to cut the flow of foreign fighters to Iraq. They would reemphasize the point to the SARG, he said.

¶2. (C) Celikkol also noted that Syria had not participated in the Neighbors' working group on energy that took place in Istanbul June 28-29. His understanding was that Damascus - though it is responsible for the security working group - had decided it would not take part in the process until two Syrian soldiers, which he understands the Iraqis are holding, have been released. He characterized this as extremely unfortunate, as he believes Syria's participation in the Neighbors' process - particularly the security aspect - is essential.

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